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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE
(Case No. 99-225)**

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For: Method for Reducing Interference From) Customer No.: 20306
Initializing Network Devices in a Data-)
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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION MAILED JULY 2, 2004

Dear Sir:

Responsive to the Office Action mailed July 2, 2004, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration in view of the following clarifications and remarks. A Petition for Extension of Time Under 37 CFR 1.136(a) (two months), along with the requisite fee is also enclosed.

10 **Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims that begins on page 2 of
this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 11 of this paper.